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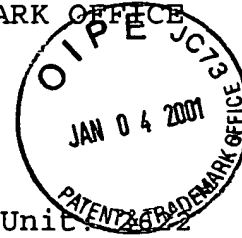
PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
: SATOSHI OHTA, et al.)
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: Filed: October 2, 2000)
: For: PRINT SERVER APPARATUS,)
: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, PRINT JOB)
: RESERVATION MANAGEMENT)
: METHOD, RESERVATION JOB)
: GENERATION METHOD AND)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,115,132

Japan 10-240469

The foregoing Japanese document was cited at page 3 of the specification and may be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

An English language abstract and a U.S. counterpart (6,115,132) for the foregoing Japanese document have been located and are also enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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